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## (54) SEBUM-SECRETION PROMOTING AGENT

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a sebum-secretion promoting agent for internal use, composed of a maltooligosaccharide, capable of radically and systemically improving dermatologic symptoms and diseases caused by the lowering of sebum-secretion function and having high safety.

**CONSTITUTION:** The objective sebum-secretion promoting agent for internal use is composed of a maltooligosaccharide (especially preferably maltotriose, maltotetraose, maltopentaose, etc., having a glucose polymerization degree of 3-5). The agent is effective in radically, systemically and safely improving the function of dermatic oil gland simply by oral administration to improve the chapped skin, dry skin, crack, loss of moistness, gloss, smoothness, springiness and softness of the skin, senile xeroderma, strong itchiness, desquamation, crack, etc., without causing disagreeable feeling such as stickiness and oiliness in contrast with an agent for external application. The agent can be used not only as an internal agent but also as a component for foods and drinks such as dietary food and health food and various pharmaceuticals, etc.

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